

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**  
**County of San Luis Obispo Public Works Department**  
**Cambria Flood Mitigation Project**  
**FEMA-1046-DR-CA, HMGP #1046-157-1003**


The County of San Luis Obispo (County) has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (through the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services) for assistance with a flood control project. FEMA is proposing to fund the project under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), as part of the recovery from the flooding that occurred in 1995, which was a presidentially declared disaster (FEMA-DR-1046-CA).

Cambria's West Village has been subject to recurring flooding of Santa Rosa Creek in recent years. The County has identified the need to reduce the flood hazard in Cambria's West Village as one of its highest priorities. The flood mitigation project includes three components. The first component would be constructing a bypass channel (1-acre area) to connect the overflow basin (10-acre area) to Santa Rosa Creek and constructing a concrete bridge for Highway 1 where the bypass channel would pass under it. The bypass channel would be 390 feet long, 10 to 12 feet deep, and 85 feet wide at the new Highway 1 bridge and 120 feet wide at Santa Rosa Creek. This bypass channel would allow floodwater to flow from the overflow basin back into Santa Rosa Creek. The second component would be constructing an earthen berm as a floodwall along the northern edge of the overflow basin that would prevent floodwater from overtopping Cambria Road and flooding the West Village. The berm would extend approximately 350 feet along the south side of the Cambria Drive roadbed embankment and along the south side of the Main Street roadbed embankment. The third component would be plugging a culvert under Cambria Road that drains water from the overflow basin to Main Street. Closing this culvert would prevent floodwater from flowing through the culvert and into the West Village. The construction staging areas for all project components would be located in the overflow basin.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, FEMA has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Cambria Flood Mitigation Project (March 2005) to evaluate the impacts of the Proposed Action on the human environment. The Final EA was prepared after a Draft EA was submitted for public review and comments. FEMA received no comments on the Draft EA. The Final EA is available online at <http://www.fema.gov/ehp/docs.shtm>.

An initial public notice has been circulated pursuant to Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management) and 11990 (Protection of Wetland). This Finding of No Significant Impact serves as the final notice for compliance with Executive Orders 11988 and 11990. Information required by 44 CFR Part 9.12(e) (Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands, Final Public Notice) is provided in the Final EA. Based upon the conditions and the information contained in the Final EA, and in accordance with FEMA's regulations in 44 CFR Part 10 (Environmental Considerations) and Executive Orders 11988, 11990, and 12898 (Environmental Justice), the following is concluded:

A Finding of No Significant Impact. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared, based on the fact that there will be no long-term adverse impacts to the natural environment resulting from the Proposed Action. For more information, contact the undersigned at (510) 627-7027. No action will be allowed to occur until 15 days after publication of this Finding of No Significant Impact.

  
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Date